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SUBJECT: COMMEND ON KADAR- FOCK VISIT TO POLAND

1. MOST INTERESTING ASPECT TO US OF KADAR- FOCK VISIT  
( MARCH 14-16) TO WARSAW, AS REFLECTED IN COMMUNIQUE, IS  
FOCUS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. DECISION ANNOUNCED IN  
COMMUNIQUE TO EMPOWER BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION COM-  
MISSION TO DEVELOP " MORE EFFECTIVE NEW FORMS OF COOPERATION"  
IS AMPLE PROOF OF THIS, AS IS EMPHASIS GIVEN SUBJECT IN  
HUNGARIAN PRESS COMMENT. MOST STRIKING, HOWEVER, IN  
THIS RESPECT IS PREOCCUPATION OF TOP PARTY LEADERS WITH  
WHAT IS ON FACT OF IT PURELY TECHNICAL SUBJECT.

2. NEPSZABADSAG REPORTS INTENTION IS TO CONCLUDE  
" GENERAL COOPERATION AND SPECIALIZATION AGREEMENTS IN  
EVERY ESSENTIAL SECTOR." FROM GOH STANDPOINT THIS  
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INTENSIFICATION OF COLLABORATION WITH POLES MAY BE RELATED TO LARGELY UNSUCCESSFUL TALKS ON SAME SUBJECT WITH SOVIET UNION WHICH HAVE GONE ON FOR AS LONG AS A YEAR. THESE TALKS ARE TO BE RESUMED AT PRIME MINISTER LEVEL IN NEXT FEW MONTHS AT WHICH TIME HUNGARIANS PRESUMABLY WILL PRESS ANEW FOR AGREEMENTS TO FURTHER THEIR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. IT IS RATHER UNLIKELY THAT HUNGARIANS UNDER SAVVY OLD PRO LIKE KADAR WOULD BE FOOLHARDY ENOUGH TO ATTEMPT TO JOIN FORCES WITH POLES AGAINST SOVIETS. YET, REACTION OF HUNGARIAN MEDIA IS RATHER CURIOUS. IN ITS COMMENTARY HUNGARIAN MEDIA STRIKE US AS SURPRISINGLY INDISCREET IN POINTING UP PRE- COMMUNIST NATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND SUGGESTING SPECIAL AFFINITIES IN ECONOMIC POLICY. MOST REMARKABLE IN THIS RESPECT WAS REPORT OF VISIT ONHAV WEEKLY NEWS REVIEW MARCH 17 NOTING HUNGARIAN LEADERS WERE IN WARSAW DURING MARCH 15 ANNIVERSARY OF HUNGARIAN NATIONAL STRUGGLE OF 1848 WHEN HUNGARIANS AND POLES " FOUGHT TOGETHER." EVEN NORMALLY STRAIGHT- LACED PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG MARCH 17 IN RAPTUROUS PIECE ON VISIT REFERRED TO " FRIENDSHIP BASED ON CENTURY OF PROGRESSIVE TRADITIONS." MAGYAR HIRLAP TOUCHED ON ANOTHER TOUCHY AREA IN UNDERSCORING ATTENTION WITH WHICH POLES FOLLOW HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND CITING AN ARTICLE IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY ENTITLED " HOW HUNGARIANS MANAGE THEIR ECONOMY." THERE IS NO DENYING HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN POLES AND HUNGARIANS. HOWEVER, ONE WONDERS ABOUT WISDOM OF TALKING ABOUT THEM SO OPENLY, PARTICULARLY WHEN BOTH PARTIES APPEAR TO HAVE ADOPTED SIMILAR TACTICS IN THEIR APPROACHES TO ECONOMIC MATTERS AND SINCE BOTH KNOW THAT ANY HINT OF A " SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" IS ANATHEMA TO MOSCOW. LAST TIME ANYONE TALKED ABOUT A WARSAW- BUDAPEST AXIS WAS IN 1956; WHAT HAPPENED STILL WELL REMEMBERED HERE.

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